

# TENNESSEE STATE NEWS

Events of Interest in Brief Form For the Busy Reader.

Cordova.—An electrical storm, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, visited this place.

Covington.—M. R. Watson, a well-known citizen of this county, died at his home near here. He was 81 years of age.

Halls.—Squire J. B. Parker, 81, died at his home here, after a brief illness. He had been active in the courts of the county for many years.

Gibson.—R. H. Foster, 93, died at his home here. He was a veteran of the Mexican war of 1848. He was a charter member of the Baptist church.

Selmer.—The first home-grown watermelons for the season were marketed here by Roy McCullar. They were of nice size, splendid flavor and were sold quickly.

Dyersburg.—Jack Hendrix, 25, employee of the city water and light plant, was electrocuted on top of an electric light pole, where he had gone to make some connections.

Huntingdon.—John E. Johnson, a highly esteemed citizen of the Twentieth District, died after a long illness from a complication of diseases. He was 58 years of age.

Paris.—The two local tobacco prize houses in Paris have prized about three million pounds of tobacco and it is said that the prize season will likely not close before September 1.

Milan.—The Gibson county primary board met at Trenton and declared the candidates for state senator and representatives the nominees of the democratic party in the November election.

Glasgow.—The members of the Methodist church decided that an addition should be made to the present church building. A subscription committee was appointed and subscriptions will be raised at once.

Jackson.—Jackson prohibition agents raided a large "wildcat" distillery seven miles northeast of Cedar Grove, in Henderson county, destroying the entire outfit together with a quantity of beer and stings.

Knoxville.—C. C. Lotzpeich, druggist, was bound over to the next term of federal court on a charge of violating the Harrison narcotic act on complaint of United States agents. He made bond of \$1,000.

Selmer.—Sixty McNairy county public schools began the summer terms last week. For the first week the attendance and general interest was very satisfactory as reported to Superintendent Terry Abernathy.

Medina.—The funeral services of Monroe House was conducted at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. House was 86 years of age and was one of the charter members of the Medina Cumberland church.

Covington.—Work on the Jeff Davis highway north of Covington is progressing. The concrete men have come in and are on the job. A car of steel was received and will be used to reinforce the concrete bridges.

Milan.—Percy Martin, a farmer near Oakwood, brought a fruit jar to town that contained 50 young snakes. He found the old mother snake, and the first sign of danger they ran into the mother's mouth. He killed the old snake and emptied the brood into the fruit jar. The snakes were highland moccasins and of a poisonous variety.

Ripley.—The remains of Lou Silvernail, who formerly resided at Gold Dust, this county, arrived from overseas. The funeral was held at Mount Pleasant cemetery. Silvernail was drafted into service in June, 1918, and landed at Brest, France, October 9. Shortly after arriving in France he died of pneumonia. He was a member of Company K, 157th Infantry.

Chattanooga.—According to State's Attorney-General Frank M. Thompson, the statement made by Gov. Roberts at Columbia that soldiers who were not in the state on Jan. 10, 1919, were not required to produce a poll tax receipt to vote in the August election was based on a misrepresentation of the attorney-general's decision. General Thompson declared that his opinion, delivered to the governor some time ago, had not been reversed and that a poll tax receipt was the only qualification for a voter in Tennessee.

Jackson.—Arthur Wilson, negro desperado, who escaped from the state penitentiary some two months ago, and was arrested in Jackson, escaped from the custody of High Sheriff Love by jumping through the car window within 15 miles of Nashville.

Nashville.—Mrs. Lizzie Brooks is dead and Mrs. Sissie Littrell, Mrs. Dora Borders, Miss Willie Caffey and Mrs. John Ivey are recovering from the effects of poison placed in candy sent to Mrs. Littrell at the Middle Tennessee Hospital for the Insane.

## DANIEL A. SCOTT DIES IN MICHIGAN

WIDELY KNOWN MISSISSIPPI LAWYER SUCCEEDS IN BATTLE CREEK.

### VICTIM OF HEART TROUBLE

Body Brought to Memphis—Funeral Held at Residence of Son-in-Law—Was "Self-Made" Man.

Memphis.—The body of Daniel A. Scott, better known as "Dan" Scott, widely known Mississippi lawyer, who died at Battle Creek, Mich., arrived in Memphis from Battle Creek. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Scott's son-in-law, Emmett Taylor, 1071 Poplar avenue, Bishop Bratton of Mississippi officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Scott's death was due to heart trouble, which he had suffered for a number of years, and which caused his retirement from the active practice of law some weeks ago. He had gone to Battle Creek in an effort to regain his health.

Dan Scott was a "self-made man," receiving his law education after a public school education in the schools of Mississippi by reading law in the offices of some of the most well known lawyers of that state. He was born in Jackson, Miss., Dec. 5, 1852. He was admitted to the bar of the state in 1874 at Friar Point, and practiced his profession unceasingly until ill health forced him to retire.

### MADE PRESIDENT OF A. & M.

Board of University and College Trustees Elect Dr. D. C. Hull.

Jackson.—The board of university and college trustees of Mississippi elected Dr. David Carlisle Hull, of Meridian, president of Agricultural College, Starkville; Dr. John C. Fant of the University of Mississippi faculty to be president of State College for Women, Columbus, to succeed Dr. Henry Lewis Whitfield, who will be retired; also elected O. A. Shaw, superintendent of schools of Winona, to succeed Dr. Fant at the University. The board fixed the salary scale for the chancellor and the two college heads at \$6,000 a year, the salary of the professor of secondary education at \$4,000 and that of the president of Alcorn College at \$3,000. The trustees believe they have done as well as could be expected with the material available for the interest of the whole. President Whitfield takes the action of the trustees in his naturally philosophic spirit. He has been head of the college at Columbus for 13 years, serving through more than three administrations and is proud of the record which the Woman's College has made.

With the exception of the one change at the University of Mississippi, the faculty will remain unchanged, with Chancellor Powers and his chief faculty workers retained, and the same disposition was taken with the Alcorn A. & M. College for colored students.

### SEIZE \$800,000 OF BOOZE.

Federal Agents Confiscate Shipment on Way to Canada.

Toledo, O.—Three carloads of whiskey, valued, federal prohibition agents say, at \$800,000, were seized by government authorities here. The cars were shipped from the William Gaines Distilleries at Glenn Creek, Ky., according to Boivin and Wilson Company, Montreal, Canada.

Identifies Body of Daughter. Chattanooga, Tenn.—W. E. Horton, of Grandview, Tenn., positively identified the badly decomposed body of a young woman found in a gulch near Graysville, Tenn., as that of his daughter, Catherine, a school teacher, who left home several months ago following an attack of influenza. It is believed that the woman, despondent and weakened, wandered into the gulch, lost her way, and died of hunger and exposure. There was no evidence of foul play.

Coal Fields Paralyzed. Terre Haute, Ind.—The Indiana coal field was partially paralyzed by an unauthorized strike of day laborers and drivers, following similar action in the Illinois field. Fifty mines near Terre Haute were idle.

Ultimatum Delivered. Warsaw.—The Lithuanian government has delivered an ultimatum to the soviet government demanding the immediate evacuation of Lithuanian territory by Red troops.

Requisition Honored. Montgomery, Ala.—Requisition papers drawn by Gov. Cox of Ohio, on Gov. Kilby of Alabama, for the return to Akron of Christiana C. Roberts, charged with forgery, were approved. The woman will be taken to Ohio by Detective McDonnell, agent of Governor Cox.

Another Quake in California. Los Angeles.—A sharp earthquake shock awoke Los Angeles at 4:12 a.m. A few chimneys were knocked down, dishes broken and windows rattled.

## MOBILIZE FOR NEW BATTLE IN IRELAND

ORANGEMEN MARSHAL AVAILABLE FORCES IN BELFAST AND VICINITY.

### 18 DEAD AND 350 WOUNDED

Saloons and Shops Looted—Hand-to-Hand Fighting in Streets—Hospitals Crowded to the Limit with Wounded.

Belfast.—Three distinct military movements were under way throughout the North of Ireland, with sporadic outbreaks of factional fighting continuing at many places. The casualty list in Belfast stood at 18 dead and more than 350 wounded. It was believed each faction had also buried a number of their own dead secretly.

Sinn Fein headquarters issued an appeal for volunteers and notified all nationalists to be prepared to defend themselves against an expected military attack by Unionists. In the meantime the Orangemen were marshaling all available forces in Belfast and the vicinity and many secret meetings were held. Strong British reinforcements arrived and all manner of war vehicles were stationed in Belfast streets.

Barbed wire entanglements were placed on all main arteries, and all persons entering or leaving the city were closely questioned and searched for arms. Patrolling of streets was taken over from the police by the military owing to the intense bitterness between the police and Sinn Feiners who attacked their comrades.

There was considerable rioting here but authorities had the situation well in hand. The most serious outbreak was reported from Cork, where a motor truck load of police set fire to houses at Kilmallock, a short way from Limerick.

In several instances police charge the Sinn Feiners had stoned ambulances bearing wounded as they passed through the streets of the city. Storekeepers closed their shops and refused to continue business in the districts where the fighting occurred. Hospitals were crowded to capacity with wounded of both sides.

Many saloons and shops were looted at the height of the rioting and the mobs set fire to the places after taking everything of value. Scores of buildings were burned to the ground. There was considerable hand-to-hand fighting.

### FARM BUREAU FEDERATION.

Meeting in Chicago Considers Establishing Great Grain Market.

Chicago.—The farm bureau federation, comprising a membership of 1,250,000 in 32 states, opened a two-day conference to consider the advisability of establishing one great farmers' grain market to sell products direct to the manufacturers or consumer.

Preliminary to the meeting the general board of the national board of farmers' organizations met and plans were laid for raising a \$1,500,000 fund for erecting the "temple of agriculture" at Washington.

### CASHIER ARRESTED.

Charged with Being \$15,000 Short in His Accounts.

Tampa, Fla.—J. A. Fountain, former cashier of the Exchange Bank of Oakfield, Ga., was arrested charged with being short \$15,000 in his accounts. Fountain is being held in the city jail. He had been receiving mail under the name of A. C. Small.

### TO REST IN ARLINGTON.

Body of General Gorgas to Be Laid Away in National Cemetery.

Washington.—The body of Major General Gorgas of Mobile, Ala., former surgeon general of the army, who died recently in London, will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery at request of Mrs. Gorgas. Mrs. Gorgas is accompanying the body home from England.

### YEGGMEN GET \$15,000.

Escape from North Carolina Bank with Government Securities.

Henderson, N. C.—Yeggmen who blew open the vaults of the Bank of Macon, 20 miles north of here, escaped with Liberty bonds and war savings stamps valued at \$15,000, according to J. M. Coleman, president of the bank.

### Plan Austrian Charter.

Vienna.—The National Assembly adjourned until September 16, at which time it is expected the draft of a new constitution will be ready.

Movie Picture Workers Strike. New York.—More than 2,000 moving picture workers employed in studios and laboratories in New York and vicinity went on strike, tying up or crippling a score of film plants. The workers demand more pay, shorter hours and recognition of the union.

### Cruisers in Fete.

Lima, Peru.—The British cruisers Weymouth and Yarmouth and the American cruiser Tacoma took a formal part in the Peruvian national fete.

## RUSSIANS RETIRE; WAR CLOUDS LEAVE

RUSSIAN SOVIETS HAVE ACCEPTED POLAND'S PLEA FOR ARMISTICE.

### PROBLEM NOW ECONOMIC

Bolsheviks Made Warsaw Tremble—Concerted Action Among Allied Nations Prevents European Upheaval.

Paris.—A wireless message from Moscow, says the Havas Agency, announces that the Russian soviet army is falling back by order of the soviet commander.

London.—The allies will make no further move against the Bolsheviks and will extend no military or financial aid to anti-Bolshevik factions aside from relief in the form of food and clothing. It was stated on good authority here.

The danger that Europe would again be plunged into war through a Bolshevik-German military combination was averted for a time, at least, by the action of the Moscow government in accepting Poland's plea for an immediate armistice. The soviet government ordered all commanders of Red armies in the field to open negotiations for an armistice immediately.

Shortly before receipt of the Moscow wireless dispatch announcing acceptance of the armistice proposal, it became known that preparations had been completed for allied aid to Poland in the form of money, food and ammunition, with a possibility that a body of French troops would also be sent against the Bolsheviks.

In official circles it was stated that the soviet government in Russia must now stand or fall on its merits as a panacea, and it was generally believed that, with external military pressure no longer an argument with the soviet chieftains, they would be hard put to it to meet the demands of the industrially sick and hungry Russians.

Military men here declared the capture of Warsaw by the Bolsheviks was a matter of a few hours when the armistice plea was accepted, as Red armies were converging on the Polish capital from three sides. Strong detachments of Lithuanians had joined the soviet armies against the Poles and the latter were greatly outnumbered and lacked ammunition and heavy artillery.

### PROPERTY IS DAMAGED.

Rain and Electrical Storm Strikes New York.

New York.—Thousands of dollars worth of property was damaged in New York and vicinity when one of the worst rain and electrical storms in years swept across the district. Subways were flooded, trolley rails in suburban districts were washed away, cellars of many residences and public buildings inundated and scores of gardens were ruined by the rushing waters.

### SMASHED SUPERSTITION.

McGaffin's Number 131,313, but His Luck Was Excellent.

Dover, O.—Despite the fact that he drew No. 131,313, declared by superstitions to be the unluckiest possible, Orlando T. McGaffin saw service on six fronts, including Chateau Thierry, Champagne and Argonne, and came through without a scratch. He became ill, however, and was sent home several months ahead of his division.

### Cincinnati Without Water.

Cincinnati.—The business section of Cincinnati was without water as the result of the breaking of a 40-inch main, which flooded the territory in the vicinity of the break. The hydraulic elevators in the office buildings could not operate and the occupants of the offices had to climb the stairs to reach them. Scores of manufacturers were unable to start because of the fear of boiler explosions. A great residence district was also affected and hundreds of people gathered at the fire plugs with buckets.

### Hold Wool for Better Price.

Dallas.—More than 2,000,000 pounds of wool are being held in storage warehouses throughout the state waiting for the reopening of the market in September, when it is hoped better prices will prevail.

### Riot in Spain.

Corruna, Spain.—A policeman was killed and another wounded by revolver shots during disturbances incident to the stevedores' strike.

New Sarah Postmaster Named.

Washington.—Changes in fourth-class postmasters in Mississippi as announced by the postoffice department: Nora I. Rodman succeeds Carrie M. Garrett at Sarah, resigned; J. Matthews Long of Glendora is appointed postmaster at Willgay, a new office.

### \$3,200 Paid for a Sow.

Fort Worth, Tex.—A new high price for hogs in the southwest was set here when James Ditto, of Arlington, banker, paid \$3,200 for a Duro-Jersey sow.

## Balaam: the Compromiser

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TEXT—And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him.—Num. 22:22.

A great preacher said: "There is nothing like the first glance we get at duty, before there has been any special pleading of our affections or inclinations. Duty is never uncertain at first. It is only when we have got involved in the mazes and sophistries of wishing that things were otherwise than they are, that it seems indistinct. Considering a duty is often only explaining it away. Deliberation is often only dishonest. God's guidance is plain when we are true."

This principle is well illustrated in the case of Balaam, who was a diviner, dwelling on the Euphrates, and having some knowledge of the true God. When Israel was encamped in the plains of Moab, on the way to Canaan, Balak the king of the Moabites sent for Balaam to curse Israel, offering him great rewards for his divination.

When the princes of Moab came to Balaam, he inquired of Jehovah as to what he should do. The answer of the Lord was plain: "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people; for they are blessed."

### Balaam's Great Mistake.

Balak, however, was in such distress that he sent more princes, even more honorable than the first, with promises of great honor for Balaam if he would only curse Israel. It was just at this point that Balaam erred. The will of God in the premises had already been made clear, and the second invitation from Balak should have met with an instant "No." Instead of this, Balaam replied: "Now, therefore, I pray you, tarry ye here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say unto me more." What more did he need?

It is evident that Balaam did not lack light, any more than we usually lack it in matters of duty. It was because of base motives entering in, making him unwilling to walk in the light vouchsafed to him, that he sought from God a reversal of the directions already given. Avarice and ambition overpowered him. His eye was on the rewards of divination in the hands of Balak's princes, and his imagination was kindled by the promise of great honor at Balak's court.

Yet it is to be noted that even while wavering as to his duty, he spoke great swelling words of integrity: "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more." Yet he went forth to tease God, if we may so speak, for a reversal of his decree.

### God's Permissive Will.

And now a thing happens which should be marked well. The Lord apparently reverses his orders and says: "If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word that I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do." Had the unchangeable God really changed his attitude in the matter? To ask the question is to answer it. No, we have illustrated here the distinction between God's directive will, which had bidden him not to go, and his permissive will, which allowed him to have his own way. Doubtless Balaam was happy now and felt confident he could secure the rewards of divination without doing anything contrary to Jehovah's word.

He soon discovered that those who follow their own lusts, rather than the will of God, come to grief. First, an angel with a drawn sword met him in the way. We are reminded how the Lord met Moses and sought to kill him for some disobedience (Ex. 4:24), and how Jonah ran into a dreadful storm when fleeing from Jehovah. The way of the transgressor is still hard. Again even the ass Balaam bestrode found voice to rebuke him. Every bush becomes an officer to the criminal; and nature, animate and inanimate, has tongues with which to rebuke the guilty soul.

Balaam would have turned back at this stage, but, alas, we cannot always turn back; even if forgiven we may suffer the consequences of a wrong choice. The angel said: "Go with the men, but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak."

### The Folly of Disobedience.

What was the outcome? Instead of pleasing Balak by cursing Israel, he displeased him by blessing them. Finally, he seems to have corrupted Israel by means of the Midianite women and was slain by the Israelites along with other enemies of God (Num. 31:8). He stands pilloried in Holy Writ as a man who sought the wages of unrighteousness and who cast a stumbling block before God's people (II Peter 2:15; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14).



### THE SURF BOARD.

"What an interesting life I do lead," said the surf board.

The surf board was shaped something like a fish and was painted to look like a fish. It wasn't very large and it held up people in the water who wanted to play about and have a good time without swimming very much.

"I go through the streets of the seashore place where my owners live, and I see all the summer cottages and feel a part of the summer life of the place. I am carried right along the streets and then when I reach the beach I too am ready for the ocean!"

"When I come home again I stand up against the side of a house and dry off like any sensible surf board would do."

"Well," said the sport fish. "You're not nearly as large as I am, and you're a skinny thing compared with me."

"That's so," said the surf board, "and you have a harness belonging to you while I only have a string attached to me to pull me in and out of the water."

"You're a great fat thing, all filled with air like a football and folks can ride you over the breakers. You too look like a fish."

"What is that?" asked a fish bobbing his head above the water. "Pray do not say that either of you two creatures look like a fish."

"In the first place you, old sport fish, as you call yourself, are much fatter than any of us. We wouldn't have a shape like you for anything. There are some big fishes out in the ocean, far down, who may look like you, but I've yet to see them. And if I did see them I wouldn't be friendly with them, not I!"

"And as for you, skinny old surf board, I wouldn't look like a great flat piece of wood all painted up for anything. I would rather look fishy and I prefer my scales and my glassy eyes to all the bright colors painted upon you."

"I do object to the way you think you are so important, both of you. Why you're not sea creatures. And you act as though you were."

"Now, don't get offended, fish," said the sport fish. "For my friend and I don't mean any offense. No offense meant in the slightest degree, which means that we don't mean to hurt your feelings."

"As for our shapes and the way we look, we are not responsible for that."

"No," said the surf board, "we were made that way. We are not responsible."



### "What is That?"

ble for our shapes and we know that we are funny looking fishes.

"But you should be glad that we are funny looking, for if we looked like you, folks might get us mixed up and they would expect to ride the waves on you or to play on your back in the water, falling off and jumping on and hanging on and laughing and all of that."

"You wouldn't like that, would you, fish?"

"You wouldn't want to do the work that old surf board and old sport fish do."

"You must be glad we don't look like you. Wouldn't it be awful if they took you for us? They never will, you see, because we are so different."

"Ah," said the fish, "that changes matters very much, in fact a great deal. I am delighted to think that we don't look alike. It would be horrible if we looked like you or you so much like us that people would expect to ride us over the waves and on the surf and to play with us and do all of the things they do with you, both of you."

"And," said the surf board, "one of the things that pleases me above everything else is the fact that I am taken through the streets and go to the beach at bathing time just like people do. I don't have to obey the tide and go out and in and get worn out as it would make me."

"I'm taken through the streets to the beach with my owners and I'm so proud with that. It makes me different and above any old board. But you wouldn't like that, fish, you wouldn't want to be carried through the streets. Be very glad you don't look like us and that we don't look like you."

### Misplaced Sympathy.

"Edward," said the young man to his prospective brother-in-law, aged five, "will you be sorry when I marry your sister?"

"Yes," answered the little fellow, "I'll be sorry for you."